

MRS. BOMPAS, wife of the Bishop of Mackenzie River, is at present in Montreal, where the Bishop hopes to join her when his resignation of the Diocese has been accepted and a successor procured for him. He feels worn out after so many years of hard and lonely work in his cold diocese.

In the severe illness which has befallen Mrs. Tilton, of Ottawa, the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions, and in the death of her son, much deep sorrow is felt. It is gratifying to know, however, that Mrs. Tilton is now convalescent. The fever epidemic which for the last four months has visited Ottawa has brought much distress and suffering there.

THE Lenten season will soon be here. Let the children of the Sunday Schools have alms boxes for collecting missionary money. It is surprising what the little ones can collect together in forty days by a little self denial.

THE Jubilee Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the Diocese of Algoma amounts to \$3,396.83, distributed amongst the different dioceses as follows:—

Huron .....	\$1,037 00
Toronto .....	746 86
Ontario .....	648 92
Quebec .....	462 26
Niagara .....	207 24
Montreal .....	200 00
Algoma .....	60 00
Rupert's Land .....	22 00
Nova Scotia (P. E. I.) .....	12 55

In consequence of an appeal from Algoma by its Bishop, the Woman's Auxiliary of Sherbrooke, gave \$50 at their last session. The urgency of the Bishop's need is so great, that we hope other churches will come forward to help. The appeal states that \$1,700 are lacking to make up the clergy stipend for December 31st, 1887, and as the Church in Canada has called forth this diocese, it is upon the Canadian Church that the responsibility must rest for its maintenance. Other Christian bodies are working more liberally, and in consequence absorbing many of our own people, who, for lack of their own service, have to accept what falls immediately to their hand.—*Sherbrooke (P. Q.) Gazette*.

WE regret to note the death of Rev. Canon Holland, M. A., which occurred in Toronto on January 9th. The reverend gentleman was a graduate of Cambridge, England, and was for years Rector of Tyrconnell, in the Western part of the old Toronto Diocese. At the election of the first Bishop of Huron, Mr. Holland preached the sermon at the opening service. He afterwards removed to Fort Erie and subsequently to St. Catharines, of which parish he continued rector for many years. He was a gentleman of culture and a zealous Churchman, but of late years was prevented, through failing health, from performing the active duties of his profession.

AN important movement is being made in Kingston, Ont., chiefly through Dr. Henderson, Q. C., in the direction of funeral reform. The expensive customs of the day in burying the dead are worthy of attention, and the idea is so to change custom as to relieve people in the hour of their affliction from the further burden of financial trouble. Other useful burial reforms also are suggested.

## THE SOCIETY AND THE CLERGY.

By a Member of the Board of Management.

The practical question, whether the Church or voluntary societies are best able to induce people to promote missionary work is being tested both in the States and in Canada at the present time. Shall the Church in Canada, having once accepted her legitimate and rightful position of being our Lord's own Missionary Society, be obliged to yield the position to others? The answer must rest largely with the clergy. They are the Church's representatives and agents. If they will take the work up heartily and lovingly it must succeed. It is God's work. He desires that it should prosper. It is the work which His Church has been founded to carry on, and no society of man's ordering and planning can do it in the same thorough way and with the same advantages.

The Bishops and Clergy and Laymen who constitute the Board of Management of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada can accomplish very little without the personal aid of each and every clergyman. Their whole souled cooperation is necessary to put life and quickening sympathy into the annual appeals of the Board, and into the active efforts which the Woman's Auxiliary should persistently put forth in every congregation.

The Epiphany and Ascension-tide appeals are prepared with great care, and all will admit that they emerge from the searching scrutiny to which they are subjected by the Board—still clear and forcible in their statements—earnest and moving in their exhortations to the people. But do the clergy read them as if they really felt them, as if their heart's desire was to promote the work and to induce their people to take a warmer personal interest in it? Do the congregations, who are quick to discern their clergyman's attitude and feeling, gather from his manner of reading the appeal that he considers the first object for which the Church exists is to make disciples of all nations—to gather all of every tribe into Christ's Kingdom upon earth?

If the clergy are personally indifferent whether their people take an interest and contribute generously, can we wonder if the return from their congregations are very small? We know how many in our congregations, and those filling the honorable office of churchwarden, grudge every dollar which is sent away from the place in which they live. We can sympathize with the clergy in